

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I'm confused about the actions of the FCC. Currently, Verizon is effectively the only local company for phone service in my area. They are a monopoly. After a lot of research, I did find another company out-of-state to handle my local service. Then FCC regulations changed, and they were no longer able to offer local service. So I switched to yet another company. And I also use a different company to handle my long distance. I just want to have some choice in who my providers are, but this is getting ridiculous. Because of deregulation it's becoming increasingly difficult to manage my communication options.

Now it seems that the FCC is going to allow the cryptic "universal service fund" charge to be increased. I'm tired of paying more and more for less and less. The cost keeps going up but it seems all I'm getting is less choice.

I have a wireless phone for safety and security on the road. If that cost goes up as well, communication options are simply going to be unaffordable. I don't want to subsidize big businesses that pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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